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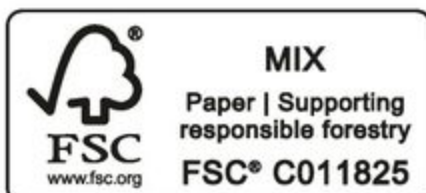


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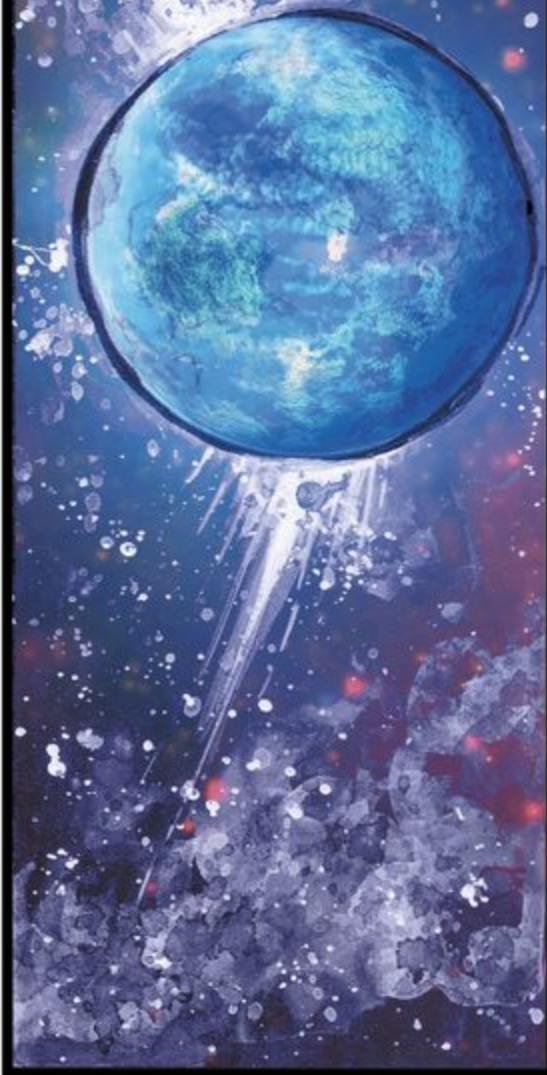
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"YOU LIVE
ON ETERNIA, A
PLANET AT THE
VERY CENTER OF
ALL THAT IS.



"YOUR NATION'S CAPITAL
SITS ABOVE THE **FERTILE
PLAINS**, PROTECTED BY
HIGH WALLS THAT HAVE
WITHSTOOD CENTURIES.



"**ETERNOS CITY** IS POPULATED
BY ALL MANNER OF BEINGS FROM
THE MARKETS OF THE CENTER
CITY TO THE RIM NEIGHBORHOODS.

"**KING RANDOR** AND **QUEEN
MARLENA** ARE RESPECTED,
RARELY CHALLENGED BY THEIR
LORDS AND VASSALS DURING
THEIR DECADES-LONG RULE."





AND YOU COUNT WITHIN YOUR TERRITORY **CASTLE GRAYSKULL**, ANCIENT KEEP CONTAINING ALL THE WISDOM OF THE **ELDERS**, SAVED FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF THE **GREAT WARS**.

BUT DESPITE ALL OF THIS, **PRINCE ADAM**...

YOU'RE WEAK.

OH YEAH? AND WHY'S THAT, **PRINCE STAHL**?

HRMPH.



BECAUSE OF **HE-MAN**.
CHAMPION OF THE BARBARIC **STONE TRIBE**, WHOSE JUNGLE-BRED STRENGTH, SAVAGE STEED, AND **POWER SWORD** FUEL HIS NOBLE MISSION...



TO DEFEND A REALM STILL PULLING ITSELF UP OUT OF STRIFE INTO A BALANCE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SORCERY.

"THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE UNIVERSE," THEY SAY. ITS "MASTER." AND YET THERE ARE THOSE WHO RESIST.

"THE ALIEN WARLORDS
SKELETOR AND
HORDAK. **KING HISS**,
RETURNED FROM THE
DEPTHS OF HISTORY.

"MY OWN FATHER,
KING FAUST OF
EISENHOLD."

THEY RESIST,
BECAUSE THEY DON'T
FEAR YOUR KINGDOM.
DESPITE **COMMANDING**
HE-MAN, YOUR
FAMILY RULES WITH
"COMPASSION."

AND, IF YOU
HAVE INFINITE
STRENGTH, BUT
DON'T USE IT FOR
CONTROL...

THEN IT'S
NOT **POWER** AT
ALL, **ADAM**.

WELL, THAT'S ONE
WAY OF LOOKING AT
IT. BUT I THINK...

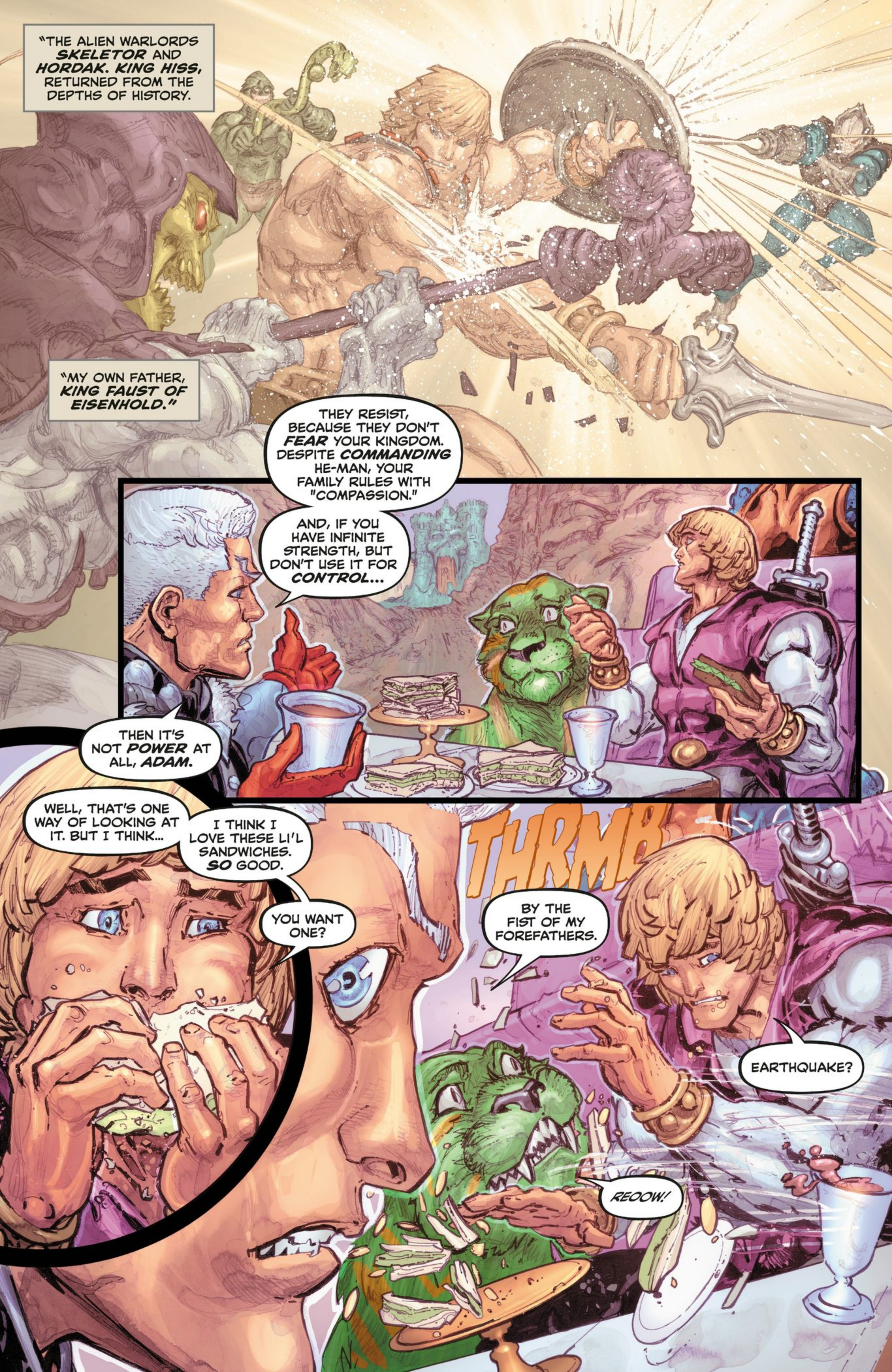
I THINK I
LOVE THESE LI'L
SANDWICHES.
SO GOOD.

YOU WANT
ONE?

BY THE
FIST OF MY
FOREFATHERS.

EARTHQUAKE?

RECOW!



GUARD!
PULL AROUND THE
CARAVAN! UNLEASH
THE **BATTLE**
RAMS' ARTILLERY
AND DEPLOY THE
SKY SLEDS FOR
EVACUATION!

**CAPTAIN
TEELA!** IT'S
TOO FAST!
WE--GAH!

PROTECT MY
ROYAL PERSON,
SOLDIER, OR BE
PUNISH--HNF!

I'VE GOT THE
LITTLE BLOWHARD.
BUT ADAM--

IS SAFE WITH HIS
BODYGUARD. AS
LONG AS HE DOES
WHAT I SAY.

SORCERESS!

THE
CASTLE?

ADAM! IT
SEEMS YOUR
TOUR IS AT
AN END.



IT'S OKAY
ACTUALLY. I WAS
GETTING TIRED
OF PLAYING
"DOOFUS."

I SENSE
SOMETHING DEEP
IN GRAYSKULL'S
BONES.

THIS IS NO
NATURAL
TREMOR.

WE ARE BESIEGED
FROM BELOW, BY THE
FORCES OF **SNAKE
MOUNTAIN**.



WHY DIDN'T YOU
COME UP DIRECTLY
BENEATH THE FLOORS
LIKE I DIRECTED,
SKELETOR?!

I WANT
WHAT'S INSIDE
IT, YES, **EVIL-LYN**.
BUT GRAYSKULL HAS
RESISTED ME FOR
TOO LONG.

KRAKATOOM

I WILL
WATCH IT
BURST LIKE
A BLISTER.

HNF. A
COREBREAKER.
ALL WERE THOUGHT
DISMANTLED AFTER
THE GREAT WARS.

ONE OF THE MOST
DEVASTATING WEAPONS
EVER DEVISED...IS NOW
IN THE HANDS OF A
DEMON.

NOT BAD
FOR A BUNCHA RUSTY
PIECES I STUCK BACK
TOGETHER WITH STRING
'N' PRAYERS, EH? DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT HIS
THING'S MADE A'.

TOOM
TOOM

GROO

GHT.

SPIKOR?!

SURELY YOU
SAW THAT COMING,
TRI-KLOPS.

OF COURSE.
BUT BETTER TO
GIVE HIM A SMALL
VICTORY...



VICTORY
MAY FINALLY BE
SKELETOR'S.

KRAKATOOM

UNLIKELY.
THE FOOL'S EGO
HAS GIVEN THE
SORCERESS TIME
TO ERECT AN
AETHERIC
SHIELD.

BUT MY WAND
SHOWS THERE MAY
BE OTHER VALUABLE
ASSETS NEARBY.

COME,
SNAKE. DON'T
TELL ME YOU DON'T
ENJOY A LITTLE
DUPLICITY.

MY SPELL
REINFORCES
THESE WALLS!
BUT THE IMMENSE
SEISMIC WAVES THE
COREBREAKER
GENERATES
REVERBERATE
BACK INTO THE
EARTH!

KRAKATOOM

I FEAR THIS
ATTACK COULD
HAVE DEVASTATING
EFFECTS ACROSS
ETERNIA!

THROOM

BUT I ALSO
NEED TEELA *NOT*
TO KNOW ME AND
HE-MAN ARE THE
SAME GUY--

TWO ROYAL
BRATS.

THAT'S WORTH
NEARLY AS MUCH
IN RANSOM AS THE
WISDOM OF THE
ELDERS.

KHAN,
PUT THESE
LITTLE BOYS
TO BED.

HHHSSS--

THOOM

GHK!

POK

GO!
BOTH OF
YOU!

NO! BLOOD
FOR EISENHOLD!
THE STEEL SCION
DOES NOT RUN!

WELL, I
SURE AS HELL
DO! C'MON,
CRINGE!

AND HERE I
GO, SORCERESS...
PLAYING DOOFUS
AGAIN.

SHRANK

HAD ENOUGH
"CHALLENGE,"
MERCENARY?

HNF! YOU
FIGHT WITH
HONOR AS
ALWAYS.

IT'S BEEN A
PLEASURE.

BUT YOU'RE AN
OLD SOLDIER.

YOUR BODY
IS A MAP OF SCARS
AND BROKEN BONES
TO ONE WHO CAN
SEE IT.

KLAK

AND I SEE
EVERYTHING.

AGHK!

KRAK

HOW LONG
HAS IT BEEN SINCE I
CAME TO THIS WORLD
AND CLAIMED YOU AS
MINE, YOU MUSTY
HEAP OF STONE?!

LONG ENOUGH
TO KNOW YOU'RE
THE ONLY THING ON
ETERNIA WORTH
HAVING!

AND WHEN YOU FALL
I'LL REBUILD YOU AS A
TEMPLE TO MY DIVINE
ASCENSION!

SORCERESS?!
HOW ARE YOU
HOLDING UP?!

KRAKATHOOM

MY SHIELD
STANDS, PRINCE.
BUT I FEEL
THEM NOW...

CRACKS
RUNNING ALONG
ANCIENT FAULTS,
CREEPING INTO THE
RIVERS OF MAGMA
BELOW.

IF--
IF I CHOOSE
GRAYSKULL...

I MAY DAMN
ETERNIA.

THAT'S A
CHOICE *YOU*
SHOULDN'T HAVE
TO MAKE.

IT'S WHY
YOU GAVE ME
THIS SWORD.

BY THE
POWER OF
GRAYSKULL.

KRAKATHOOM

RAAARRN!

PKOW!

I HAVE THE
POWER!



YOU SEE,
LYN? I DIDN'T
EVEN HAVE TO RISK
DRILLING MY WAY INTO
SOME INESCAPABLE
DUNGEON IN THE
BOWELS TO--

LYN?

KRAATTOOM

BAH. NEVER ANY
LACKEYS AROUND TO
SEE ME ACTUALLY LORD
OVER DESTRUCTION--

DEET DEET DEET

EHN?

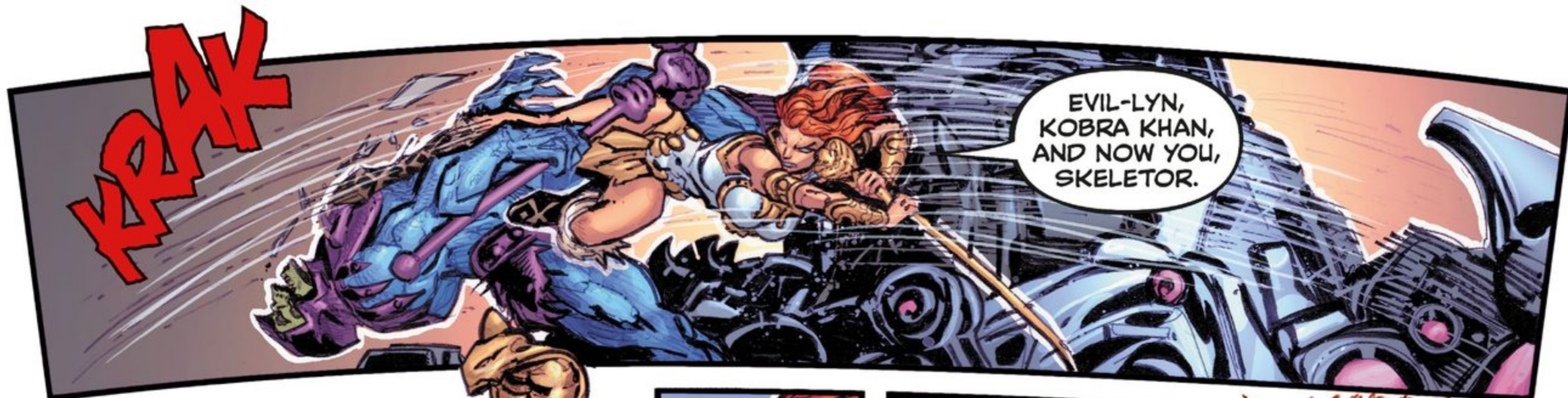
HRRNGH!

H-HOLD
STEADY,
BATTLE
CAT.

HE-MAN.
ALWAYS THE
BEEFY BLOND
FLY IN MY
OINTMENT.

NOW ABOUT TO
BE A FLY ON MY
WINDSHIELD...

KRRRK!



EVIL-LYN,
KOBRA KHAN,
AND NOW YOU,
SKELETOR.



I'M ON
A ROLL
TODAY.

THANKS
FOR THE HELP,
PRINCE STAHL.
I WISH ADAM
WAS HALF THE
FIGHTER--

HNGH...



PRINCE
STAHL?



MY FATHER
INSISTED I COME
TO THIS LAND.
ORDERED THAT I
SPEND TIME WITH
YOUR VAPID
PRINCE.

BUT WHY
DO I NEED
A "PEACE
ENVOY"...



WHEN THE
ELIMINATION OF
YOUR NATION'S
TWO GREATEST
STRENGTHS
IS AT MY
FINGERTIPS?

THRUMMMM

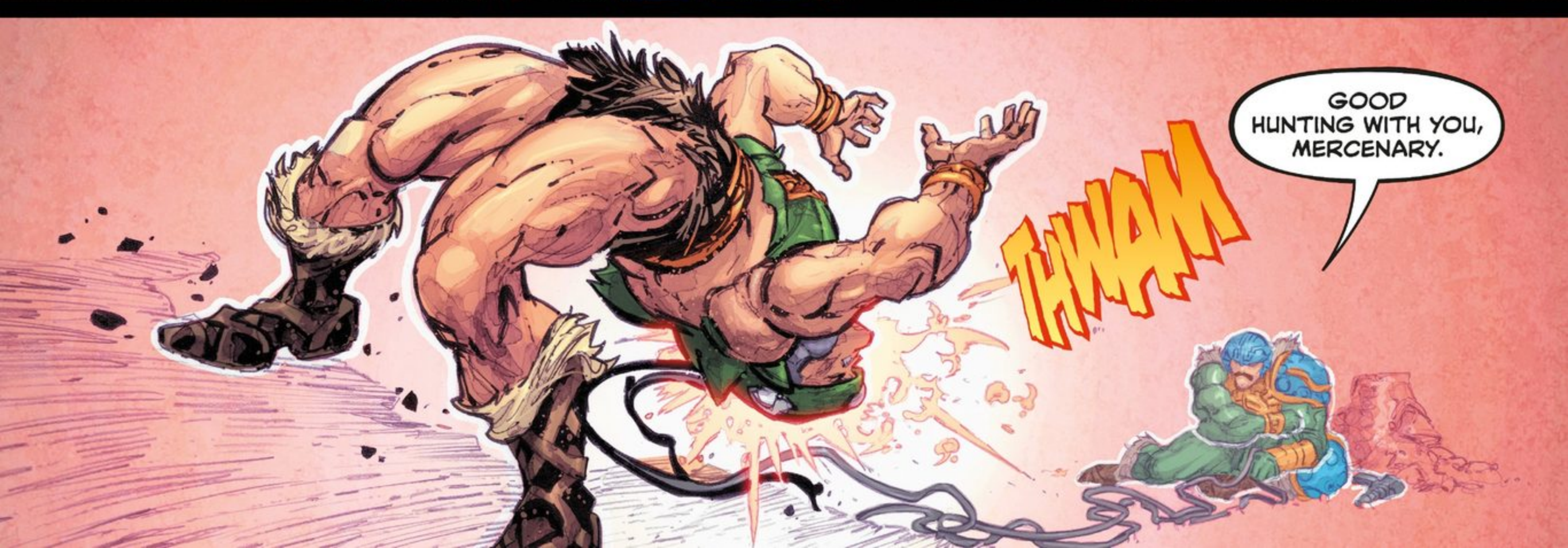


S-SORCERESS.
I--I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH LONGER...

ADAM. THE
SPINE OF THE
WORLD NEARS
ITS SNAPPING
POINT.



I HEAR THE
PAINED CRIES OF
THE **EVERGREEN
FOREST**. FEEL THE
FEAR OF THE **KEX
PEOPLE**.





HE-MAN. THE
MACHINE CEASES
ITS ASSAULT.

DUNCAN
DID IT.

HE
ALWAYS
DOES.

SHRINCH

THEN
THAT JUST
LEAVES ONE
LAST THING.

GHYAH!



WELL, AT
LEAST I WAS
RIGHT.

WAKE
UP, **KOBRA
KHAN.**

WE RETURN TO
SNAKE MOUNTAIN
WITH OUR TAILS
BETWEEN OUR
LEGS.

AGAIN.

HNH. WHY,
DAMN IT?!

WHAT KIND
OF "WISDOM" DO
I NEED TO STEAL
TO FIND OUT WHY I
ALWAYS LOSE--

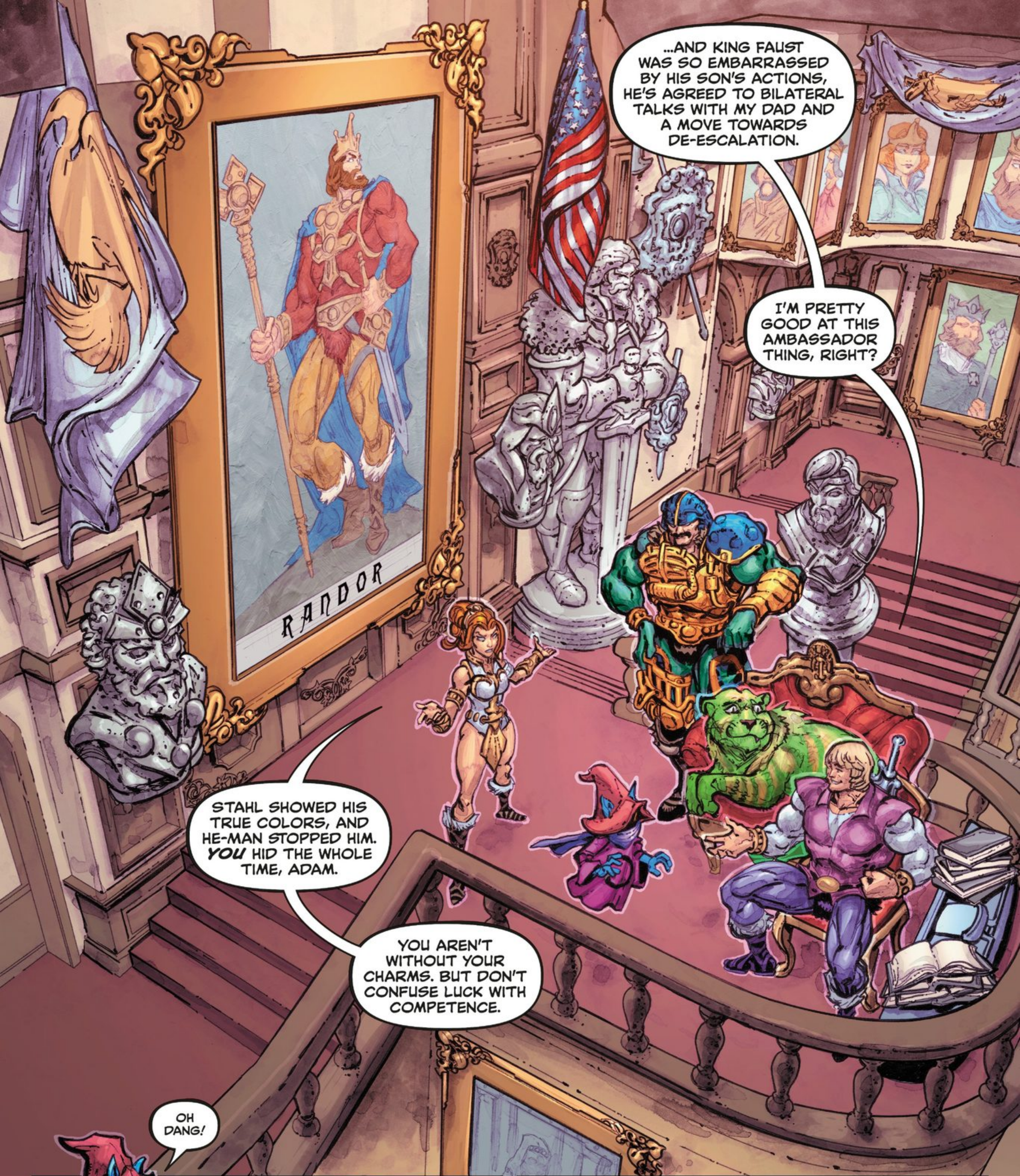


Y-YOU ALL
FEARED ME. I WAS
THE MASTER OF
THE UNIVERSE...

YOU WERE
SELFISH.

AND YOU'RE
NEVER MORE
POWERFUL...

THAN WHEN
YOU'RE ABLE TO
SHARE IT.



...AND KING FAUST WAS SO EMBARRASSED BY HIS SON'S ACTIONS, HE'S AGREED TO BILATERAL TALKS WITH MY DAD AND A MOVE TOWARDS DE-ESCALATION.

I'M PRETTY GOOD AT THIS AMBASSADOR THING, RIGHT?

STAHL SHOWED HIS TRUE COLORS, AND HE-MAN STOPPED HIM. **YOU** HID THE WHOLE TIME, ADAM.

YOU AREN'T WITHOUT YOUR CHARMS. BUT DON'T CONFUSE LUCK WITH COMPETENCE.

OH DANG!



I'LL SEE YOU FOR TRAINING IN THE MORNING, PRINCE.

GOOD NIGHT, DAD.



SOMEDAY, SHE'LL KNOW WHO YOU **REALLY ARE**, ADAM. SHE'LL KNOW THE TRUTH.

AND THE BURDEN OF BEING HE-MAN NOW WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT **KING** SOMEDAY.



I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS THE WRONG WAY, DUNCAN.

MAYBE BEING HE-MAN ISN'T A BURDEN. I MEAN, I SAVE THE WORLD A LOT. I CAN LIFT A CONTINENT. PUNCH A DRILL EVEN.

IN THE FACE OF ALL THAT, BEING KING SEEMS KIND OF LIKE...A STEP DOWN.



ANYWAY, I'VE GOTTA GO BE IRRESPONSIBLE, GET HOME LATE, AND BE USELESS FOR TEELA TOMORROW.

SECRET IDENTITY, Y'KNOW.



YOU LOOK EVEN MORE MOROSE THAN USUAL.

HMP. I'M AN OLD SOLDIER, ORKO.

ONE THING THAT WE ALL SHARE...



NONE OF US EVER LIKED THE **WEIGHT** OF OUR WEAPON.



I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY LONGER! WHAT IS HE WAILING ON ABOUT?



I DON'T KNOW. SINCE WE RETURNED FROM GRAYSKULL, HE'S BEEN FEVERISH, LOST IN VISIONS. WHAT I DO KNOW...

NHH
HHGH
GHH



...IS IT'S UNLIKE TRI-KLOPS TO COMPLAIN.

I...I SEE IT... ON THE EDGE OF NIGHT...IN A NEST OF OBSIDIAN...

I SHOULD PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY THEN.



NO! IF THERE'S A MEANS TO DESTROY HE-MAN AND TAKE THE SECRETS OF CASTLE GRAYSKULL...THIS MAN WILL FIND IT.

FOR YOU.

HM.
YES.

BUT YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT GOOD.



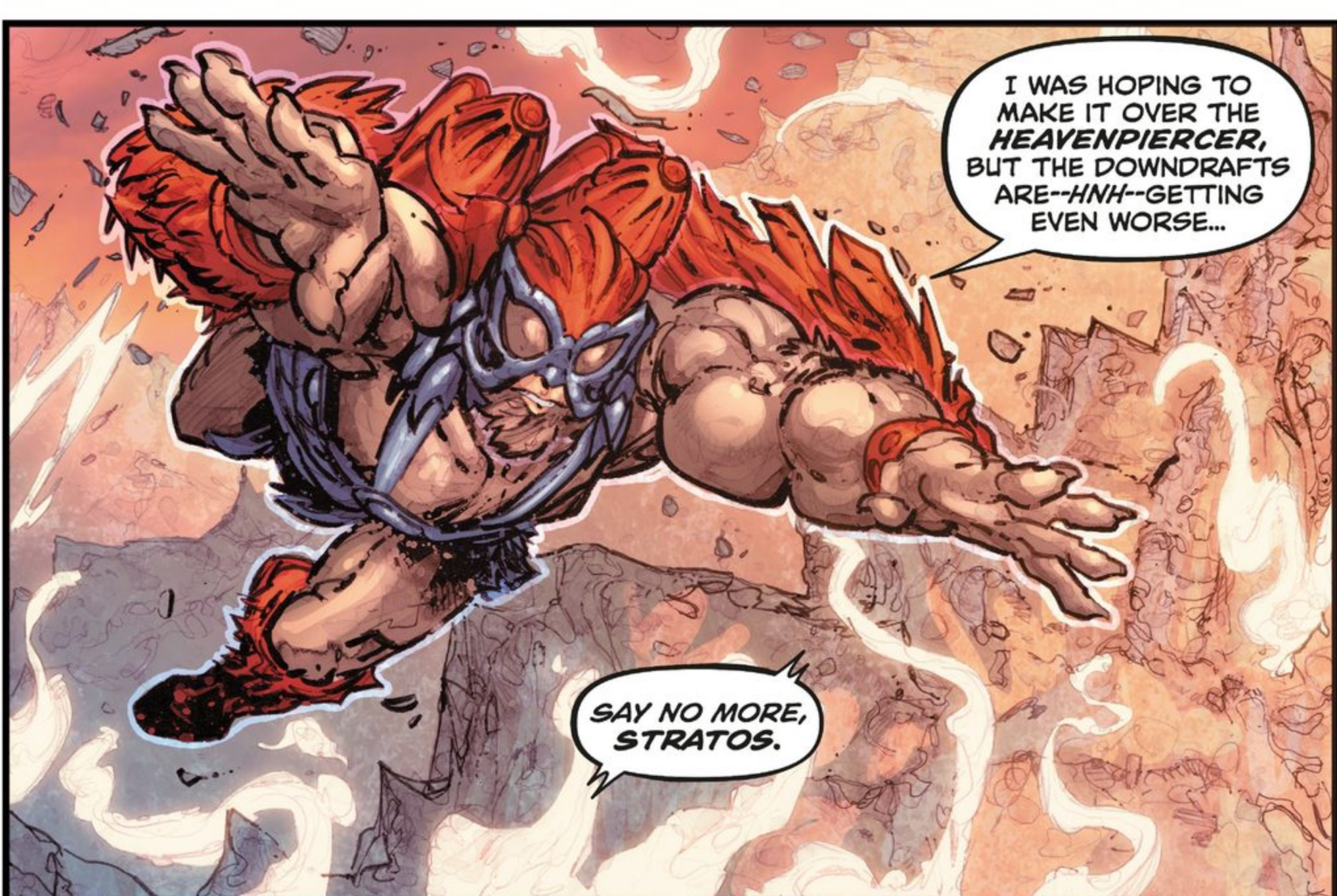
I SEE OUR DOOM... VIOLET...

OUR DOOM IS VIOLET.



KKSSHT I'VE REACHED THE CAIRN OF PANTHEONS RANGE. KKSSHT

NO SIGN OF SEVERE TECTONIC DAMAGE OUT HERE.



I WAS HOPING TO MAKE IT OVER THE HEAVENPIERCER, BUT THE DOWNDRAFTS ARE--HNNH--GETTING EVEN WORSE...

SAY NO MORE, STRATOS.



HEAD BACK TO BASE CAMP, BIRD MAN.
MEKANECK OVER...



...AND UP.



YOU WANT IN ON THIS?

NO THANKS. FEELING A LI'L OFF...

RECONNAISSANCE TEAM! COME IN! I HAVE EYES ON SOMETHING BIG--



THE QUAKES. THEY *DID* UNCOVER SOMETHING.

THE TOP OF THE HEAVENPIERCER. IT OPENED UP.



A SWORD.
LIKE HE-MAN'S.

IT'S
ANOTHER
POWER
SWORD.

The
SWORD
of **FLAWS** Part 1



MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE™

THE SWORD OF FLAWS

ON SALE NOVEMBER 5!

An ancient artifact has been unearthed from the highest peaks of Eternia. Teela assembles an expedition to investigate, while He-Man and Orko seek answers from the Sorceress. Meanwhile, Evil-Lyn, Skeletor, and his henchmen embark on their own journey to the violet mystery. But the artifact is not the only relic returned from the past, as heroes and villains alike face off against dangerous Preternian powers.



SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

